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FORMULATION:

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CHEMICAL NAME

CGA-24705

Metolachlor

R. Balcomb Test Type:

Avian LD₅₀:

Mallard Duck

Test ID.# ES-C

FION: Fink, Robert, 1976. Acute Oral LD₅₀ -- Mallard Ducks CGA-24705 Technical Final Report. Wildlife Research Division, Truslow Farms CITATION: Incorp. Project No. 108-117.

VALIDATION CATEGORY: Supplemental

RESULTS:

 $LD_{10} = 2150 (1111-4160) mg/kg$

 $LC_{50} = 4640 (2398-8977) \text{ mg/kg}$

 $LD_{90} = 9700 (5013-18,770) \text{ mg/kg}.$

This reviewer obtained comparable results by a Finney-Probit technique, i.e., $LD_{50} = 4597$ (2998-7047) mg/kg -- Chisquare = 0.050.

PROCEDURE: Mallard ducks were raised from the egg to age 14 days at which time they were randomly (see special note) assigned to control, dieldrin-control and experimental groups. Starter ration and water were available ad libitum throughout the study. The experimental material and dieldrin were dissolved in corn oil and intubated into the crop. Control birds received just corn oil. Body weight, food consumption, and toxic symptoms were recorded during the study. data was analyzed by the Litchfield/Wilcoxon method.

VALIDATION CATEGORY RATIONALE: The study has been assigned a supplemental classification as the required fasting period, 15 hours prior to testing, was not described. The report states:

"Prior to initiation of and during the eight-day LD50 study the basal diet for all birds was Truslow Farms' game bird starter ration. Starter ration and water were available ad libitum throughout the study."

In the absence of a description of a fasting period this dietary information is taken to imply that there was not one.

The test may be upgraded to core status if the TEST REPAIRABILITY: experimenter (Robert Fink) fasted the birds prior to intubation.

SPECAL NOTE: It has been observed from the body weights that the birds may not have been assigned to control and test groups on a random basis, i.e. the means for the groups were: (1) test groups - 205.2 g, (2) dieldrin/control groups=188.2 g, and (3) control groups = 179.8 g. This issue is being followed by personnel in EEB and a lab audit is anticipated.

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